

## THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

October 2014 – Week 4

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### TITLE: BIGGER’N LIFE

OCTOBER 1994 AND A TEXAS HERO IS BIGGER’N LIFE.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

OCTOBER 22, 1994. HUNTSVILLE. EVERYBODY KNOWS SAM HOUSTON WAS LARGER THAN LIFE. BUT TO SCULPTOR DAVID ADICKES, HE WAS MUCH LARGER.

ADICKES WAS BORN IN HUNTSVILLE, BUT STUDIED SCULPTURE IN EUROPE BEFORE COMING HOME. WHEN CITY LEADERS WANT TO HONOR HOUSTON ON THE BICENTENNIAL OF HIS BIRTH, ADICKES PROPOSES A MASSIVE STATUE BE BUILT NORTH OF TOWN.

SCULPTED IN CONCRETE AND WIRE MESH, OLD SAM SOON BEGINS RISING OVER THE PINES.

TODAY, THE HUGE WHITE STATUE IS DEDICATED. AT 77-FEET, IT IS THE TALLEST STATUE OF AN AMERICAN HERO. A DECADE LATER, ADICKES BUILT A 60-FOOT TALL STATUE OF STEPHEN F. AUSTIN NEAR ANGLETON.

THE STATUE OF BIG SAM WAS FINISHED 20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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